

Claim Listing:

1. (Previously amended) An isolated or recombinant nucleotide sequence encoding a protein having the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.
2. (Previously amended) The isolated or recombinant nucleotide sequence according to claim 1, said isolated or recombinant nucleotide sequence being from a human species.
3. (Previously amended) An isolated protein having the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.
4. (Previously amended) The isolated protein according to claim 3, said protein being from a human species.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) A method for increasing the *in vitro* transcription of a gene, which comprises expressing the isolated or recombinant nucleotide sequence according to claim 1 to produce a transcriptional activator protein which increases the transcription of the gene, thereby increasing the transcription of said gene.
7. (Cancelled)
- 8 and 9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously presented) The isolated or recombinant nucleotide sequence according to claim 1, said isolated or recombinant nucleotide sequence having the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.
11. (Cancelled)